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## **DERBY DAY WINNER LIMOUSINE LIBERAL RETURNS IN SATURDAY'S ARISTIDES**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, May 31, 2017) – Limousine Liberal**, who scored a breakout win in the \$500,000 Churchill Downs Stakes Presented by TwinSpires.com (Grade II) on the May 6 Kentucky Derby undercard, headlines a field of eight older horses that were entered for Saturday's 29<sup>th</sup> running of the \$100,000 Aristides at Churchill Downs.

The six-furlong Aristides, which is named in honor of the inaugural Kentucky Derby winner of 1875, is one of two stakes events on Saturday's 11-race program. Churchill Downs' first race is 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern). The Aristides goes as Race 10 at approximately 5:21 p.m. and the second running of the \$65,000-added Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes, a five-furlong sprint on the Matt Winn Turf Course, is the ninth race at approximately 4:51 p.m.

**Katherine Ball's** 5-year-old homebred **Limousine Liberal**, who has finished second or third in six graded stakes events since 2015, landed his first career stakes win when he overtook favored **Masochistic** at the head of the stretch and then held off a late bid from **Awesome Slew** to win the 83<sup>rd</sup> Churchill Downs by a head. The Churchill Downs triumph pushed Limousine Liberal's earnings to \$771,120 with a record of 14-4-5-1.

The gelded son of Successful Appeal had typically run fast against top competition but often came up short. At age 3, Limousine Liberal was second to eventual 2015 champion sprinter **Runhappy** in the \$500,000 King's Bishop (GI) at Saratoga and then was beaten a neck in the \$300,000 Gallant Bob (GIII) at Parx. Last year, the Kentucky-bred was second in a trio of graded stakes: the Aristides (GIII), \$250,000 Smile Sprint (GII) at Gulfstream Park and \$250,000 Phoenix (GIII) at Keeneland. He also has competed in the last two renewal of the Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI), finishing 11<sup>th</sup> at Keeneland in 2015 and fourth at Santa Anita last year.

"This horse has been showing up every time," Lexington, Ky.-based **Ben Colebrook** said. "It's great that he's finally a graded-stakes winner."

Limousine Liberal, who will break from the outside Saturday under leading rider **Corey Lanerie**, was beaten a head in last year's Aristides by the now-retired millionaire **Alsvid**, who won the race for a second year in a row.

This year's rivals include stakes winners **Harold Lerner LLC** and **Magdalena Racing's The Truth or Else** (29-6-3-6—\$579,556), winner of the \$100,000 Sir Shackleton on the Florida Derby undercard at Gulfstream Park for trainer **Kenny McPeck**, and **Stonestreet Stables' Union Jackson** (9-5-1-2—\$208,924), who returns to action 16 weeks after scoring an 8 1/4-length breakthrough stakes win in the \$50,000 Sam Houston Sprint Cup for Hall of Fame trainer **Steve Asmussen**.

Union Jackson finished third, a half-length back of Limousine Liberal, in last year's Aristides, and the 5-year-old will attempt to give Asmussen his record-extending fourth win in the race. His previous Aristides successes came with **Mountain General** (2003), **Riley Tucker** (2010) and **Rothko** (2012).

**Chris Hartman**, who trained 2015-16 winner Alsvid, will attempt to saddle the Aristides winner for a third year in a row. This year he enters **Chris Wilkins' Wilbo** (18-6-2-5—\$282,836), a 5-year-old gelded son of Candy Ride (Arg) who seeks his first stakes triumph after prevailing in a long stretch drive with Aristides rival **Recount** to win a six-furlong allowance/optional claiming event in 1:09.47 at Churchill Downs three weeks ago. **Doubledown Stables Inc.'s Recount** (28-11-6-3—\$553,507) won last fall's \$78,980 Bet On Sunshine Overnight Stakes at Churchill Downs for trainer **Jimmy DiVito**.

The complete Aristides field from the rail out (with jockeys): **Wabel** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Abbaa** (Carlos Marquez Jr.), Union Jackson (Florent Geroux), Wilbo (Albin Jimenez), Recount (Chris Landeros), The Truth Or Else (Channing Hill), **Schivarelli** (Brian Hernandez Jr.) and Limousine Liberal (Lanerie).

Limousine Liberal will carry 124 pounds, while all others will tote 120.

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## LATENT REVENGE SEEKS REPEAT IN \$65,000-ADDED MIGHTY BEAU

**Steve Vanovich, Steve Andriot, Brad Cain and P.J. Herold's Latent Revenge** will attempt to defend his title in Saturday's second running of the \$65,000-added Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes, a five-furlong dash over the Matt Winn Turf Course at Churchill Downs.

Trained by **Greg Foley**, Latent Revenge was most recently the runner-up in the \$150,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (Grade III) on the Kentucky Oaks undercard when he was beaten two lengths by **Green Mask**. The 5-year-old son of Latent Heat has a career record of 21-4-5-1 and \$210,586 in earnings.

Latent Revenge will have to tackle **James and Ywachetta Driver's** 17-time winner **Rivers Run Deep**, who is managed by trainer **Chris Hartman**. With a record of 33-17-8-4 and \$959,940 in earnings, Rivers Run Deep was the half-length runner-up to Latent Revenge in last year's Mighty Beau.

The complete Mighty Beau field from the rail out (with jockeys): **Expected Ruler** (Didiel Osorio), **Forgive** (Joe Rocco Jr.), Latent Revenge (James Graham), **Platinum Prince** (Florent Geroux), **Grand Candy** (Ricardo Santana Jr.), **Vici** (Brian Hernandez Jr.), **A Fashion Affair** (Jack Gilligan), **Partly Mocha** (Corey Lanerie), Rivers Run Deep (Albin Jimenez), and **Mayor Mac** (Miguel Mena).

The turf sprint is named in honor of graded stakes winner **Mighty Beau**, who boasted a record of 75-12-19-10—\$646,000 from 2001-08. The Oklahoma-bred gelded son of Rainbow Prospect made a record five starts in the Twin Spires Turf Sprint (then known as the Aegon Turf Sprint) from 2002-06, winning the race in 2005 at age 6 for owners **Mike Cloonan** and **Anthony Carolan**, trainer **Jeff Mullins** and jockey **Pat Valenzuela**.

The Mighty Beau is carded as Race 9 at approximately 4:51 p.m. (all times Eastern).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

The Aristides and Mighty Beau stakes doubleheader highlights the four-day, Thursday-Sunday racing week at Churchill Downs.

The **Twilight Thursday** abbreviated eight-race program starts at 5 p.m. and is highlighted by \$1 beers, food trucks (**Holy Mole, Red Top Gourmet Hot Dogs, Pollo, 502 Café, Mark's Feed Store** and **Zoom Zoom Yum**), live music on the Plaza stage by pop band **Maximón** and a Wagering 101 tent for betting advice. There also is a \$9,252 jackpot carryover for the 20-cent minimum Single-6 Jackpot on Races 3-8, and a \$4,898 carryover in the \$1 Super Hi-5 for the final race of the day.

Sunday's 10-race card features the year's first **Family Adventure Day Presented by Kroger**. The day of racing is complimented by plenty of family activities in the Plaza area including pony rides, inflatables, a petting zoo, stick horse races, face painting and more. There also will be a special "meet and greet" with popular "**Trolls**," **Poppy** and **Branch**.

Unlimited access tickets to all kid-friendly activities on Family Adventure Day are \$8 when purchased in advance online at [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com). There also is a special Family Four Pack (\$44 for general admission or \$59 for box seats), which includes four Family Adventure Day tickets, four family meals from the concession stands in the Plaza area and two racing programs.

Churchill Downs admission gates will open at 4 p.m. Thursday and at 11:30 a.m. Friday-Sunday. General Admission is \$3 daily, reserved seating is \$10 and reserved dining packages start at \$38.

Thursday officially begins the second half of the 38-day Spring Meet, which concludes Friday, June 30. Twelve-time Churchill Downs champion jockey **Corey Lanerie** is the leading rider with 32 wins through the first 19 days of the meet, 11 more than runner-up **Brian Hernandez Jr. Steve Asmussen**, the Hall of Fame horseman who has won a record 17 training titles at Churchill Downs, is tied with **Brendan Walsh** atop the trainer standings with 11 wins each, one more than **J.R. Caldwell** and **Brad Cox**. Six owners share the lead with three wins each: Asmussen, **Keene Thoroughbreds LLC**, **Lothenbach Stables Inc.**, **Maggi Moss**, **John Oxley** and **Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC**. Perennial leading owners **Ken and Sarah Ramsey**, seeking their record-extending 29<sup>th</sup> local owners' title, have two wins.

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